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1. A vessel entered Tuapse Harbor at 0700 local time on 3 February 1955 and left port again at 0600 local time on 4 February 1955. It was the only ship lying in the oil harbor during the time it took on oil. A Soviet merchant ship was moored in the government harbor but the name could not be identified because of the distance. Two Soviet lighters each of about 2,000 dwt were berthed at southeast side of the quay pier between the government harbor and the merchant harbor. No unloading operations were observed, and the sheds located ashore were closed. No mixed cargo was observed on the pier. A tugboat of about 300 hp, apparently a coal-burner, was moored at the small shipyard just north of the oil harbor. The tug, which was not under steam, was not needed to assist ships in entering and leaving harbor. A small decked pilot boarding vessel with a cabin was moored alongside the tugboat.

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 a platoon of 24 soldiers, apparently coming from the hospital, marching in files of three in the direction of the barracks installations located north of the town. The soldiers wore coats, fur caps and well-kept boots, but no belts or weapons. only black-bordered red caps, but no service badges.

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 no pedestrians were met on the streets leading from the railroad station to the town. -

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Although the sailors tried and talk to the Russians, no conversation was brought about. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Russians in Tuapse were more stand-offish than on previous occasions, although the inward and outward clearing operations were performed quite smoothly.

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3. During the entire period of the ship's stay in harbor, the skies were overcast with low cloud and the wind blow from the northeast with snow flurries. The harbor was practically icefree. No Soviet vessels were observed at sea or in harbor, nor were any airplanes sighted or heard.

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